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ABSTRACT

These proceedings contain papers presented at a conference sponsored by the Family Policy Studies Centre in London, September, 1995, which brought together professionals to describe their parenting support or education projects which were part of the Department of Health's Parenting Initiative. Conference papers discussed the role of government in supporting family life, parenting adolescents, and the importance of community-based programs; and workshop topics were parenting education, parenting support and information, parenting and professionals, and parenting and the community. The introduction to the conference proceedings describe the purpose of the conference and briefly summarizes the papers (Ceridwen Roberts). The papers were: (1) "Opening address" (John Bowis); (2) "Parenting Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow" (Sebastian Kraemer); (3) "Parenting Adolescents" (John Coleman); and (4) "Growing Pains--Every Parent Needs Some Support" (Maggie Mills; Christine Puckering). The workshops were: (1) "Parenting Education in Secondary Schools--the Greater Manchester Project" (Penny Sharland); (2) "Parenting and Learning: The OU Experience" (Mick Jones; Margy Whalley); (3) "Family Nurturing Network" (Kahren Quickenden); (4) "The Moyenda Project" (Lynthia Grant); (5) "Growing Pains--Every Parent Needs Some Support" (Maggie Mills and Christine Puckering); (6) "Brief Encounters: Helping Encounters: Helping the Professionals to Help Parents" (Penny Mansfield; Deirdre Morrod); (7) "Teachers, Parents and Other Professionals Working Together" (Titus Alexander); (8) "The Hayle Project--a Cornwall Prevention Project" (Kevin Kenna; Alex Ashcroft); and (9) "Using Community Networks to Set Up Parent Groups" (David Gamble). Each paper contains references. Appended are brief descriptions with contact information for the Parenting Initiative Projects and biographical information on the presenters. (KB)
